

member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Rifle, playing the organ there most Sundays since the age of thirteen!

Mr. Speaker, Richard and Barbara Dorrell were married in the Methodist Church in Rifle, Colorado 50 years ago this week and it is with a happy heart that I take a moment to recognize their commitment to each other before this distinguished body. I join their two children, Connie and Wayne, as well as the entire Rifle community, in congratulating them on this benchmark in their lives together. For this unwavering dedication to each other, as well as their infectious love for Rifle, I am proud to congratulate the Dorrells on this momentous day.

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HONORING DR. DEIRDRE J.  
LOUGHLIN

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HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the Worcester community in honoring Dr. Deirdre J. Loughlin for her 42 years of unwavering service to the Worcester Public Schools.

Born in Scotland, Dr. Loughlin attended schools in both Europe and the United States. Dr. Loughlin earned her undergraduate and doctoral degrees from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and her master's degree from Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

During her 42 years at the Worcester Public Schools, Dr. Loughlin has taught high school science, coordinated a variety of special programs for students, and most recently served as the District Manager of Staff for Program and Curriculum Development. Dr. Loughlin's dedication and passion in that position led to many accomplishments, one of which includes the complete revision of the District's curricula that is now in alignment with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks.

Not only has Dr. Loughlin served the Worcester community through her work in the Worcester Public Schools, but in other leadership positions as well. Dr. Loughlin currently serves on a variety of boards and committees, including the Massachusetts Audubon Society's Broad Meadow Brook and the Worcester Women's History Project. Dr. Loughlin approaches all her work with the same enthusiasm that she has brought to the Worcester Public Schools.

In addition to her dedicated service to the Worcester community, Dr. Loughlin has a wonderful family. With her husband, Dr. Raymond K. Loughlin, Dr. Loughlin has a son, two daughters, four grandsons, and a new granddaughter.

Mr. Speaker, I am certain the entire U.S. House of Representatives joins me in congratulating Dr. Loughlin on her accomplishments and wishing her the best of luck in retirement.

## CODE TALKERS RECOGNITION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 18, 2002*

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 3250, the "Code Talkers Recognition Act."

Congress rarely has the opportunity to celebrate selfless heroism, Mr. Speaker, and so I particularly thank the sponsor of this legislation, Mr. THUNE, for introducing it and Mrs. GRANGER and Mr. WATKINS, for their efforts on similar bills that now have been incorporated here.

Mr. Speaker, as we are now engaged in a war on terrorism that involves precision munitions and long-range air strikes, it is easy to forget how different the wars of the 20th century were. Then, huge armies often stood toe-to-toe, and the decisive edge in a battle often turned more on knowing what the enemy was going to do than on anything else. Once we broke the German codes, the tide of the war in Europe turned. Once we knew the Japanese codes, Allies were able to take apart their sea power and end any ability to project force.

But Mr. Speaker the Germans and the Japanese had code-breakers, too. What they didn't have were the Native American code talkers, who used their tribal languages to communicate military orders and intelligence information between forward-deployed units and their commanders further to the rear. Those tribal languages never were understood by our enemies, Mr. Speaker, and the resulting ability to communicate freely, accurately and safely saved countless Allied lives.

Congress has honored the Navajo Code Talkers with medals. This bill addresses the long-overdue recognition of the other brave warriors from other tribes who performed similar services. The bill would grant the Congressional Gold Medal, posthumously in most cases, to those brave warriors from the Sioux, Choctaw, Comanche and the other tribes.

Mr. Speaker, the Sioux Code Talkers—using Lakota, Dakota and Nakota Sioux languages—were deployed in both the European and Pacific theaters and served in some of the heaviest combat actions to provide their communications services. They are credited by military commanders as being instrumental in saving the lives of many Allied soldiers.

Comanche serving in the 4th Signal Company helped to develop a code using their language to communicate military messages during the D-Day invasion and in the European theater during World War II. To the enemy's frustration, the code developed by the Comanche Code Talkers proved to be unbreakable. The Germans even sent spies to training grounds in Fort Gordon and to reservations in Oklahoma to try and crack the code.

Mr. Speaker, the Choctaw Code Talkers of World War I were the first code talkers used in recent times. While most Native Americans at the time were not considered citizens of the United States, many volunteered to fight, and many were incorporated into a company of Indian Enlistees serving the 142nd Infantry Company of the 36th division. While serving, their use of the native language was discouraged. However, a commander—aware that

most Allied codes had been broken by the Germans—realized that a number of men under his command spoke complex and possibly undecipherable language, and he put them to work sending codes. A total of 18 Choctaws served our country as Code Talkers. The Choctaw tribe and the State of Oklahoma have honored these code talkers and today I believe we should do likewise.

Mr. Speaker, as the Navajo Code Talkers already have been recognized with Congressional medals and this legislation specifically names Sioux, Choctaw and Comanche code talkers, this bill also asks the Secretary of Defense to identify any non-Navajo code talkers from tribes other than the Sioux, Choctaw and Comanche who served overseas as code talkers in the wars of the last century, and recognize them with medals as well.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation to honor all Native American code talkers who have fought for our country.

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HONORING THE TOWN OF  
HUNTINGTON

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HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise the commitment and dedication of the people of the Town of Huntington, New York. On June 15th, 2002, at the 53rd National Civic League Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, Huntington was selected out of 30 finalists to be proclaimed an All-American City, and thus became the first Long Island community to receive this impressive designation.

The All-American City Award is one of the nation's oldest and most prestigious distinctions, given to those communities, which demonstrate outstanding leadership and collaboration in addressing community-wide challenges and achieving exceptional results.

This spring, the Town of Huntington's Chamber of Commerce, a business partnership that represents more than 1,300 members, was officially notified by the National Civic League that Huntington had been selected as a finalist for the 2002 All-American City Award. For the next month and a half, the Chamber of Commerce prepared extensively for a final 10-minute formal presentation to be given before the All-American City Jury Panel. It was the success of this final presentation, which highlighted three community-based projects, that clinched the award for Huntington.

Mr. Speaker, this distinction is a glowing reflection on all members of the Huntington community. Specifically, I would like to call attention to the tireless work of Dennis Sneden, the CEO of the Huntington Township Chamber of Commerce; Frank Petrone, the Town Supervisor; Board members Marlene Budd, Mark Cuthbertson, Susan Berland, and Mark Capadonno and all the individuals and businesses, citizens and entrepreneurs, of the Huntington community.

Commenting on Huntington's success, Town Supervisor Petrone summed up the reason for